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Following is the text of a joint communique issued simultaneously in Ottawa by the Department of External Affairs and in Washington by the United States Department of State:

The Joint United States-Canadian Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs, which met in Washington in March 1954, held its second meeting in Ottawa today. The United States was represented by:

The Honourable John Foster Dulles,
Secretary of State

The Honourable George M. Humphrey,
Secretary of the Treasury

The Honourable Ezra Taft Benson,
Secretary of Agriculture

The Honourable Sinclair Weeks
Secretary of Commerce.

Canada was represented by:

The Right Honourable C. D. Howe, M.P.,
Minister of Trade and Commerce and Defence Production

The Right Honourable J. G. Gardiner, M.P.,
Minister of Agriculture

The Honourable L. B. Pearson, M.P.,
Secretary of State for External Affairs

The Honourable W. E. Harris, M.P.,
Minister of Finance

In addition to the members of the Joint Committee, His Excellency Douglas Stuart, United States Ambassador to Canada, and His Excellency A. D. P. Heeney, Canadian Ambassador to the United States, participated in the discussions.

This Committee was established by the United States and Canadian Governments to provide an opportunity for Cabinet members of both countries concerned with economic and trade matters to meet together periodically and review developments of common interest. Its existence symbolizes the close and friendly relations existing between the two countries and is evidence of the interest which each country has in a great number and variety of economic questions affecting the other. Its meetings supplement and reinforce the daily exchanges which take place between official representatives and between private citizens of the two countries.

At today's meeting the exchanges of views dealt mainly with general commercial policies and prospects, with progress being achieved in dealing with broad international trade and pay-